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GLIDING IS GREAT FUN EVEN FOR A NOVICE

Over the Downs on the wings
of the wind

Every weekend hundreds of young men and women leave their factory and office to taste the thrills of gliding through the air smoothly and silently like a bird.

A CN correspondent, a wartime Coastal Command navigator and a pilot of some experience, recently visited one of Britain's 33 gliding clubs, and here he records his impressions of a sport that is rapidly growing more and more popular.

THE sun shone warmly on my face as my bus climbed the Bedfordshire Downs near Dunstable. Suddenly a shadow passed across my newspaper, and I looked up to see a yellow-and-blue glider soaring silently overhead before swooping like a giant bird of prey to the fields below.

A few minutes later I arrived at the headquarters of the London Gliding Club, tucked away at the foot of the hills, and made my way to a corner of the field where planes were being pushed into position for take-off.

YOUNG FLYERS

My host was Mr. Dan Smith, one of Britain's leading glider pilots and chairman of the club, and I found him sitting in the shade of one of the machines talking to two young men.

"You see," he was saying to one of them as I approached, "unless you apply more rudder as you go into your turns your machine will slip instead of turning correctly."

And an earnest young man—he had come all the way from Margate for his weekend sport—made a note on his pad.

"Right-ho, sir," he said. "I'll try to remember."

As we walked back across the aerodrome, Mr. Smith told me something about the club, which has more than 300 members and is the biggest in the country.

VOLUNTARY LABOUR

The members themselves do nearly all the necessary work—time-keeping, pulling the planes back to the take-off point, maintenance, returning the towing cable, operating the winches, and so on. And all this voluntary labour, of course, helps to keep down the cost of gliding to sixpence for every five minutes in the air, plus a towing charge of 2s.

Keeping costs to a minimum is a particular problem of a gliding club, for most of the members are under 25, and there are even several who are under 16—the minimum age for solo flying.

That they have succeeded in largely overcoming this problem is evident from the fact that a fort-

night's holiday course with full board costs only £21, an opportunity of which several Public Schools take advantage.

Later I went to the other end of the field to see the two winches, which are mounted on trailers and driven by 30-h.p. engines.

As I arrived, the driver received the signal from the "batman" that a plane was ready to take off. He engaged gears, let out the clutch, and the engine noise rose to a whine.

The cable began whirring through the guides onto the revolving drums, and in a few seconds the glider came into view, soaring rapidly over our heads. At a point almost over the winch the pilot released the cable, and it came whistling down to land about 100 feet away.

BATTERED OLD CAR

Almost immediately a battered old yellow car came bumping along the runway. The driver gathered the cable and returned to the take-off point in a cloud of dust.

"I'm afraid you haven't picked a very good day," Mr. Smith told me. "The wind is in the wrong direction for the best local flying. When the wind blows towards the Downs we often have a dozen or so planes hill-soaring at one time."

Because of the great number of young men (and women) awaiting their turn to fly it was almost dusk before I climbed into the cockpit beside Mr. Smith and was strapped in.

SCRUB

Under his breath Mr. Smith muttered SCRUB (the mnemonics indicating the order of the cockpit drill) and then waved to the batman. We were off!

After bumping along the ground for about 20 yards, we left the ground, soaring upwards as though in a fast lift, the nose pointing to the dark sky above.

I must admit that I held my breath as the ground rapidly fell away, for I felt that any moment we must stall. (This rapid rate of

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Harmony is the passport

The boys in the picture above, passing the frontier barrier between Holland and Germany near the Dutch village of Suderwick, belong to a brass band consisting of 23 Dutch and German children whose homes are close to the dividing line between their two countries.

The youngsters have formed a truly international youth organisation with their music and their neighbourly spirit, and the frontier guards on both sides allow them to pass freely to and fro for their rehearsals, and for giving concerts.

GUIDES FOR OUR VISITORS

Where in London is there a statue of George Washington? (*Trafalgar Square*); Where can one see Charles I's death warrant? (*The Peers' Library, House of Lords*); Who was the first poet to be buried in the Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey? (*Chaucer*); Where is the bullet that killed Nelson? (*Windsor Castle*).

These questions were in an examination last winter for would-be guides to tourists in Britain. Twenty-one out of 30 selected candidates passed.

Another course opens on Monday, and already there is a long list of people eager to be trained, although only a few highly-competent guides can make it a full-time occupation.

Students attending the course, which is run by the British Travel and Holidays Association, will be expected to have a working knowledge of English history, geography, topography, national and local government, art, and architecture. Instruction will be given on delivery, diction, dress, as well as on the art of lecturing.

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PARLIAMENT PREPARES FOR A BUSY SESSION

The CN Press Gallery Correspondent

IN these stirring times every day seems to add a page to history. So many things have happened in the three months of the summer recess that when Parliament reassembled last week M.P.s appeared to have returned to a changed world.

But our experienced Mother of Parliaments takes all events in her stride. For her the conclusion of the second session of the present Parliament was just another Prorogation. And the start of the third session on November 3 will be just another State Opening.

Nobody knows exactly how many times these two ancient ceremonies have been performed. Because accommodation has always been limited at Westminster, only a handful of people in every generation have seen the State Opening by the Sovereign.

It is perhaps too early yet to forecast the televising of this most picturesque event. But no doubt that will come as soon as colour television has been perfected; and no one would be less surprised than the Mother of Parliaments.

PEACE AND WAR

What are our M.P.s going to talk about during the nine months of the coming session? Above all else they will be concerned with the issues of peace and war. The return of the Prime Minister after his enforced rest, as well as the restoration to health of Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, assure us of experienced statesmanship at a critical time.

The relations between this country and our great ally, the United States, will become more and more important. It should never be forgotten that on this subject Sir Winston, who will be 79 on November 30, speaks with undeniable authority as the son of an English father and an American mother.

His great mission is to ensure a long period of peace before he retires from the political scene.

That is the purpose of his call for a meeting of Heads of Governments to include Mr. Malenkov of Russia.

CHANGES IN VIEW

Soon after the new session begins the Government will bring in a bill to amend the Regency Act of 1937. Under this Act the person next in succession to the Throne would become the Regent if the Sovereign died while the Heir was under age.

The main purpose of the amending bill is to ensure that the Duke of Edinburgh, who would not succeed to the Throne, would act as Regent should the Heir succeed while he is still a minor.

A heavy programme of work lies ahead of both Houses of Parliament. Apart from changes in the rent laws, there will probably be some new traffic laws aimed at making pedestrians and motorists alike more conscious of the costly toll of life and limb on the roads.

These, of course, are only a few of the vital affairs which will have the united attention of our legislators; and doubtless all of them will be debated in as forthright a manner as ever.

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Gliding is fun

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climb and, of course, the complete silence, is the main difference from the take-off in a powered machine.)

At 700 feet Mr. Smith levelled out and released the cable. "All right," he said. "You've got her."

Instinctively I grabbed at the control column, slipped my feet on the rudder bar, and glanced at the air-speed indicator.

Concentrating on gliding, I could hardly appreciate the glistening beauty of the illuminated towns in the distance, and the roadside lights, forming clear straight lines across the countryside. But as we turned downwind the blazing sky caused me to forget the mechanics of flying for a few moments.

LIKE ICARUS

By reaching up into the sky I had stolen a few minutes from the dying day, and I felt, like Icarus, that I wanted to fly on and on until I reached that flaming golden ball which was slowly leaving a trail of darkness in its wake.

I looked down again. The fields all seemed alike to me, and I had to ask Mr. Smith to point out our landing-field. Then he took over the controls, and a few minutes later we landed.

Mr. Smith politely refrained from commenting on my piloting. But I knew that in several of the turns I had felt the wind on the side of my face—the sign of a bad turn.

Perhaps Mr. Smith will comment the next time I fly. For of one thing I'm certain—there will be a next time!

New honour for Queen Mother

This Wednesday Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is to be made an Honorary Freeman of the City of London. The significance of the ancient ceremony with which the City confers its highest honour are here described by a Freeman.

During the ceremony a little book will be handed to the Queen Mother by the Chamberlain, similar to the book which was given in the Middle Ages to an apprentice when he was bound to his master. It is called Rules for the Conduct of Life, and contains some practical and wise precepts.

Those who listen to the broadcast of the ceremony will hear the Chamberlain say of the Queen Mother, "She will pay her scot and bear her lot, and so they all say."

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES

In olden days, "scot" was the necessity of paying taxes and contributing to any grants or loans made by the City. "Lot" was the obligation of the new Freeman to fill any office in the service of the City to which he might be called, even to becoming alderman and Lord Mayor.

The conferring of the Freedom upon a citizen gave him various privileges in return for the duties it exacted.

No one was allowed to practise any trade or profession in the City unless he was a member of a Guild, and no one could be a member of a Guild unless he was a Freeman. The only business in which a non-Freeman might engage was as a retailer of food.

One advantage of being a Freeman long ago was that he could not be impressed into the Armed Forces for service abroad. Citizens, however, had to form themselves into bands for the defence of their City, and to ensure that no one avoided this duty Freeman had to live within the City walls.

Another privilege was that of immunity from all tolls at markets and fairs throughout England.

THREE WAYS

Apart from the presentation of the Honorary Freedom to distinguished people, there are three ways of becoming a Freeman—by patrimony, by apprenticeship, and by redemption (or purchase).

Queen Elizabeth II is a Freeman of London by patrimony, her father, and his father before him, having been Freeman.

It has not always been considered a good thing for this honour to pass automatically to the children of Freeman, for in 1313 a deputation from all the Guilds appeared before the Lord Mayor to complain that too many of the young citizens who were being admitted by patrimony were ignorant of the ancient laws.

The chief privilege of Freeman was their right to vote at the civic elections. Though most of their privileges have disappeared with time, this one survives; it is still necessary for the members of the Guilds, who elect the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, to be Freeman.

News from Everywhere

OLD CROCKS

There is a record entry of 181 for the veteran car run from London to Brighton this Sunday, November 1. The oldest cars making the run are a Benz and two Lutzmanns made in 1895.

Flints found on a village site in Northern Manitoba indicate that people from Europe may have lived there 10,000 years ago.

Salamanca University, Spain, has celebrated its 700th anniversary.

SCHOOL FOR GLIDERS

A gliding school opened at Siegburg, Germany, holds 14-day courses for youths of all countries.

Sir Winston Churchill has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature—for his War History.

Hard-boiled eggs can now be obtained from slot machines in New York.

PROGRESS

In 1945, before a United Nations anti-typhus campaign began, Guatemala had 2834 cases of typhus; this year there have been only eight.

Signor Toscanini, the famous conductor, says that his winter series of concerts in America will be his last appearance on the concert platform. He is 87.

The Grey Coat School in Monk-gate, York, has celebrated its 250th anniversary.

BURIED SPEECH

A recording of the speeches made at the opening of a radio factory in Welwyn Garden City is to be buried in the foundations.

An exhibition of British pottery, glass, ovenware, and kitchen equipment is being held at the Tea Centre in London.

A badge with the National Trust's oak leaf symbol is now available to all members. It costs half-a-crown.

During the year ended March 31, 1952, the Post Office delivered approximately 8750 million letters and 223,593,000 parcels.

CORRECTION

The Danish vessel pictured in the C.N. of October 17 was a full-rigged ship—not a barque, as described.



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HELICOPTER ON 'LORRY

Parisians sauntering in the Bois de Boulogne recently were given a startling glimpse of things to come when they saw a baby two-seat helicopter take-off directly from the platform of a motor lorry.

The helicopter was the remarkable SO.1220 Djinn, and the lorry from which it operates can not only carry the helicopter and its crew, but also a supply of spare parts, fuel, and a two-way radio for communication with the helicopter when airborne.

Almost noiseless in flight, the Djinn is powered by compressed air. A lightweight turbine compresses the air, which is ducted to jet nozzles in the blade tips and expelled to turn the rotors; no combustion takes place at all.

Shortly to go into mass production for both military and civil uses, this amazing little machine cost only half the amount of light hoverplanes now in use.

WOOD-BURNING LOCOMOTIVES

A Sheffield firm has completed two wood-burning locomotives for Paraguay.

Fitted with cow-catchers and powerful headlights, the locomotives will be used for hauling 520-ton passenger and fast goods trains on the 200-mile single-track railway between the towns of Asunción and Encarnación after which they have been named.

Costing £25,000 each, they weigh 90 tons with the tender, and have a speed of 45 m.p.h.

HAIL COLUMBUS!

A statue of Christopher Columbus has been unveiled at Miami, in Florida.

Over nine feet high, it shows the great explorer looking across the Atlantic towards the tiny West Indian island of San Salvador where Columbus is said to have landed in 1492. The marble column, on which the statue stands, a gift from the Italian Government, came from the Basilica ruins in Rome.



Unexpected guest

While 12-year-old Zia Foxwell of Sherston, in Wiltshire, was entertaining her friend Alicia Phillip-Jones, Dushka the donkey looked in for a cup of tea.

NEW CHARTS FOR FISHING FLEET

The Grimsby trawler Sletnes is on a 60-day voyage to Greenland to collect information that will enable new charts to be prepared for the Humber deep-sea fishing fleet.

As long as 350 years ago a Humber ship went to the Greenland coast to hunt whales and walrus, but there was little fishing there until after World War II, when a search began for new fishing grounds.

The results of the fishing in these waters have been encouraging, but it was obviously necessary to provide skippers with better charts.

FUN WITH A TOY THEATRE

Many children find it thrilling to make their own toy theatres and puppet performers. A newly-published Puppet Book of Cinderella (Medallion Press, 3s.) makes it easy as well as thrilling.

It contains a cardboard theatre, coloured backcloths, and working puppets all to be cut from the middle of the book and fitted together, leaving intact the pages of the pantomime script which is spoken as the coloured puppets are moved on the miniature stage.

Fixing it all up and then rehearsing the play is an absorbing piece of team work; and with care a show can be produced to delight the family and friends.

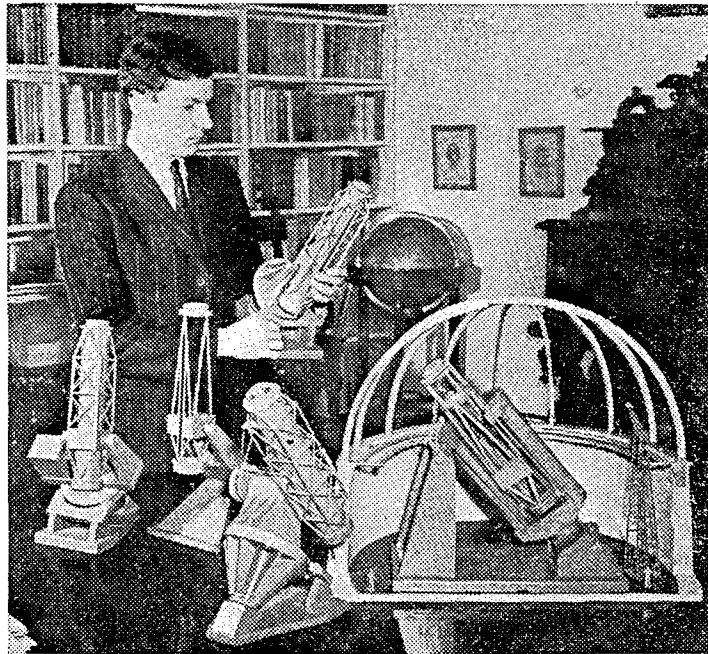
OBSTINATE AS A CAMEL

Stockmen at Brisbane recently struggled for five hours to load 23 camels into a freighter bound for America.

One old camel defied them for more than an hour. It squatted at the entrance to the loading box and refused to budge. Finally a large crane was used to get it aboard.

NEW ROAD GIANT

The biggest petrol tanker ever to run on British roads is the new Mammoth Major, of Shell-Mex and B.P. It weighs eight tons, has eight wheels, and carries 4000 gallons, the new maximum load.



LOYAL GREETINGS TO HER MAJESTY

From now until January 3, visitors to the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, will be able to inspect a remarkable collection of Loyal Addresses sent from the peoples of the Commonwealth to their young Queen on the occasion of her Coronation.

They include addresses from many different territories—from rulers, governments, trade unions, youth organisations, and many others. Many are enclosed in caskets of silver and rare woods. There are two silver griffins with rubies for eyes, and a silver model of a state barge.

Perhaps the most touching of all the exhibits is a Loyal Address in Malayan Braille which came from the children of the Princess Elizabeth School for the Blind in the Federation of Malaya.

FIFTH GENERATION

Eight-year-old Rodney Bullock, of the little Suffolk village of Glemsford, is the fifth generation on his mother's side to sing in the village church choir. His mother is in the choir, too, and his father is church vergier. Rodney has been attending the church since he was three.

Tony Aldam of Rotherham, who has just passed his final examinations at the Manchester Foot Hospital School of Chiropody, has become the fifth generation of his family to be a chiropodist.

SHERPA WHEAT

The fame of Sherpa Tensing, who with Sir Edmund Hillary conquered Mount Everest, has been perpetuated in the name of a new type of wheat produced in Australia.

The new variety, called Sherpa, is particularly suitable for the dry Mallee district of north-western Victoria, having a higher yield than the varieties it will replace. It also has better baking and milling qualities.

SHE BEAT THE BEET MEN

For the second year running, Mrs. Minnie Saunby of Hough, near Grantham, beat all the men in a sugar beet hand-knocking and topping contest.

ST PAUL'S CHOIR AT WHITE HOUSE

The party of St. Paul's Cathedral choirboys who are now touring North America have had the honour of being entertained by President Eisenhower at the White House.

After tea, he asked them to sing a Coronation anthem, saying he had been so moved by the music when listening to the relay of the service; and later he told the boys he hoped to hear them again during their two-month goodwill concert tour.

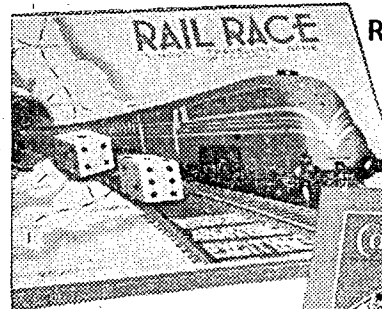
The reception of the boys has been quite overwhelming, and they are being showered with gifts and candies. But their crowded programme does not allow them much time to get into mischief.

PRESIDENT'S CHURCH

Like the Queen when she is in Scotland, President Eisenhower attends a Presbyterian church when he is in residence at the White House.

It is one of the oldest in the United States, dating from 1794 when a group of Scottish stonemasons who were building the White House wished to have a church of their own.

Here's FUN for EVERYONE with SPEARS GAMES

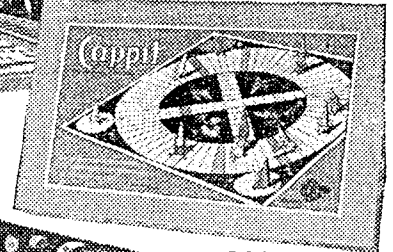


RAIL RACE

Travel over Britain's railways with miniature engines on large stout map. Plan your own winning routes and be thrilled by "incident cards." 2-6 players. For family and children's parties. **15/9**

FLOUNDERING

A great party game. Players collect their flounders by a throw of the dice and rob opponents of their catches. No age limit, even children of five can join. Hilarious fun. **6/3**



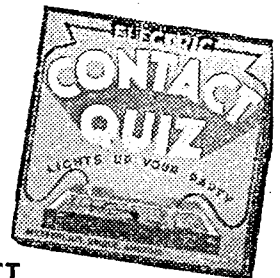
CAPPIT

A game for 2-4 players, who try to "Catch and Cap" their opponents. As easy as ludo, but much more exciting. **7/9**



TELL ME

The queen of quiz games. Spin the wheel and roll out the questions. Endless fun for any age. Any number of players, the very thing for your party. **6/3**

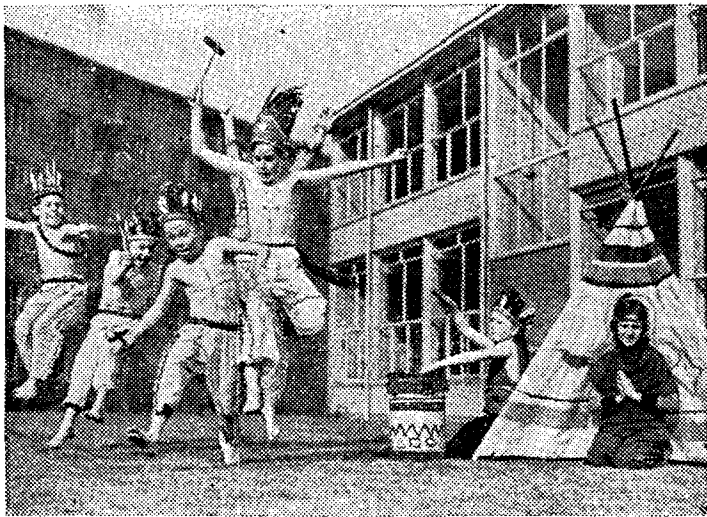


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Wild West in Battersea

This war-dance by young "Red Indians" was seen during a performance given by children at the opening of the Sir James Barrie Primary School at Battersea.

CHANGES ON OUR COINS

The lettering on our coins is to be altered next year.

The shortened words, Britt Omn, will not appear, and the inscription will simply read: Elizabeth II Dei Gratia Regina (Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, Queen).

The letters FD (for Fidei Defensor—Defender of the Faith) will also be given, except on half-crowns, florins, shillings, and sixpences, which will have Fid Def on the reverse side.

Britt Omn was short for the Latin words, Britanniarum Omnium (of all the Britains), indicat-

ing that her Majesty was Queen of all the British Dominions overseas (the double t in Britt is the classical way of abbreviating a plural).

Britt Omn has been dropped in accordance with a decision made at the Commonwealth Conference last May, that among the Queen's titles should be: Head of the Commonwealth.

The new inscriptions will be used from January 1, 1954, but it is unlikely that the new coins will be in circulation until later next year.



By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and Television Correspondent

Hallowe'en play

HALLOWE'EN this year is not being forgotten in Children's Television. On Thursday evening an American fairy, played by Ann Murray, of Toronto, comes into the play Hurrah for Hallowe'en, with King Cole (Felix Felton), Fairy Snowdrop (Joan Young), and a host of young people playing elves, fairies, and witches.

Although the witches have the forbidding names of Mrs. Grim, Mrs. Grouse, and Mrs. Gruesome, I am told all ends happily.

Party piece

DID you hear Marjorie Westbury as the prize pekinese in The Dog Next Door, the Children's Hour "dog opera" on October 1?

With her were Diana Maddox as a dachshund and Norman Shelley as a retired foxhound. Marjorie Westbury (pictured here) hopes to be peke again, singing It's a Dog's Life, for her Children's Hour party piece next Saturday in Lionel Gamlin's Out to Play.



New homes for TV

A TV "colony" has sprung up in the Shepherd's Bush district of London in the past six weeks.

The new White City premises are now occupied and the Shepherd's Bush Empire has been taken over as a TV "studio." Both buildings are almost within a stone's throw of the Lime Grove studios.

To avoid confusion, Lime Grove is now known as The Television Studios, White City as The Television Centre, and Shepherd's Bush Empire as The Television Theatre.

That whistle

WHISTLES and other noises caused by interfering radio stations spoil the pleasure of millions of British listeners every night, according to Mr. Harold Bishop, director of the BBC's technical services.

He has announced a plan to cut out interference completely with a chain of V.H.F. (very high frequency) transmitters which it is hoped to erect in the next few years. There would be 51 dotted around the country—19 for the Home Service, and 16 each for the Light and Third Programme.

50 years of flying

PATH OF AN EAGLE will be the title of a Home Service broadcast in December commemorating 50 years of heavier-than-air flight.

Among the guests in the studio it is hoped to have Lord Brabazon, holder of Pilot's Licence No. 1, and Sir Frederick Handley-Page. The story will be told by the celebrated actor Sir Ralph Richardson, a former Fleet Air Arm pilot.

BOY CAUGHT LIZARDS FOR THE ZOO

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at Regent's Park

SOME months ago, Lt.-Col. J. Rawlings, officer commanding the garrison on Mauritius, sent to London Zoo a kind of lizard called the Jewelled Gecko. It proved such a popular exhibit that Mr. Jack Lester, the curator, wrote asking for more.

His request has had a happy sequel, for now nine more have arrived. All were caught by Col. Rawlings' ten-year-old son John, who, coming home to school at Cheltenham, brought the geckos with him.

"The Jewelled Gecko is far and away the most colourful reptile we have," Mr. Lester told me. "It is an amazing mixture of greens, reds, blues, and yellows, and, for a reptile, is incredibly lovely."

"Incidentally, catching these swift-moving creatures is an art which young John Rawlings has evidently mastered. The geckos, found around the roots of trees, run up the trunk to escape capture, but can usually be caught by encircling the trunk with both arms. This checks their progress, and they can be quickly grabbed."

"Their cage at the reptile house, although a small one, will give visitors an unexpected splash of colour, especially at feeding-time, when the geckos chase the flies put in for them."

NEAR the geckos' cage is another cage containing an interesting newcomer—an eight-inch chameleon found at London Airport in a plane from North Africa.

Taken to the R.S.P.C.A. depot nearby, it remained sitting on a hot-water tap for a couple of days. From there it would snick off flies

from a window-pane just within reach of its long club-shaped tongue.

"How the creature came to be wandering at large in an aircraft is a mystery," said Mr. Lester. "Possibly it had escaped from some consignment of livestock being sent over here for some zoo, or perhaps for a dealer."

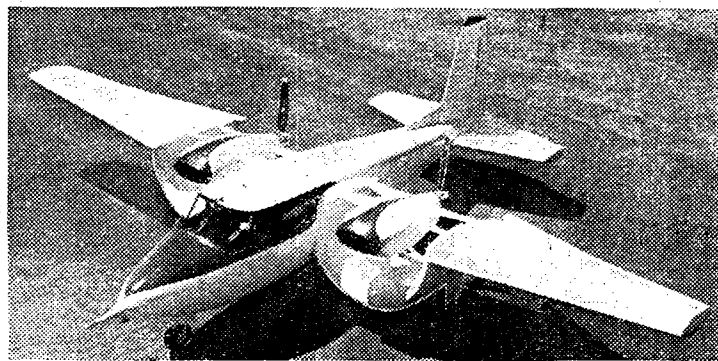
A WELL-KNOWN figure in the zoological world I encountered at Regent's Park the other day was Mr. Cecil Webb, 6 foot 5 inch superintendent of Dublin Zoo. On his way back from a conference at Antwerp, Mr. Webb was not only meeting old friends among the staff, but he was also looking round for some small exhibits to take with him to Ireland.

Mr. Lester gave him two African tree snakes and three of the baby Copperhead vipers born at Regent's Park a few weeks ago. These Mr. Webb took back by air with him in his coat pocket, all safely confined in small flat boxes.

DUBLIN Zoo, incidentally, has made a discovery which may help quite considerably in preventing colds among captive animals. Concerned at the prevalence of coughs and colds among the monkeys, they installed a disinfecting apparatus which gives off a continuous vapour.

So successful has this been that the animals no longer get these winter ailments, and lately there have been no cases whatever of tuberculosis. As a result of these experiments, it is likely that the measures initiated at Dublin may soon be extended to other zoos.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



46. Custer CCW-5 Executive

This highly 'unorthodox' U-wing aircraft is the latest of a series of Channel Wing machines designed by Willard Custer, of West Virginia.

Custer says that the inspiration for his remarkable tube-winged planes came from the time when, as a young man, he was sheltering in a barn from a gale when suddenly the huge roof was "gone with the wind!"

His investigations into the effect of air flow over a wing section decided him to build an aircraft which he hoped would combine the forward speed of a fixed-wing machine with the hovering ability of a helicopter.

Experiments with two earlier research machines having proved highly successful, Custer has now built the CCW-5, his first really practical aircraft—that is, one capable of lifting a payload. On its first flight it became airborne after an incredibly short take-off run of 90 feet, and landed at less than 40 m.p.h. Eventually Custer hopes to halve both figures!

Seating five passengers, the Executive is powered by two 260-h.p. Continental engines, mounted pusher-fashion so that they suck air through the U-shaped wing sections. Cruising speed is given as 275 m.p.h. and range 1800 miles. Span is 41 feet 2 inches and length 28 feet 8 inches.



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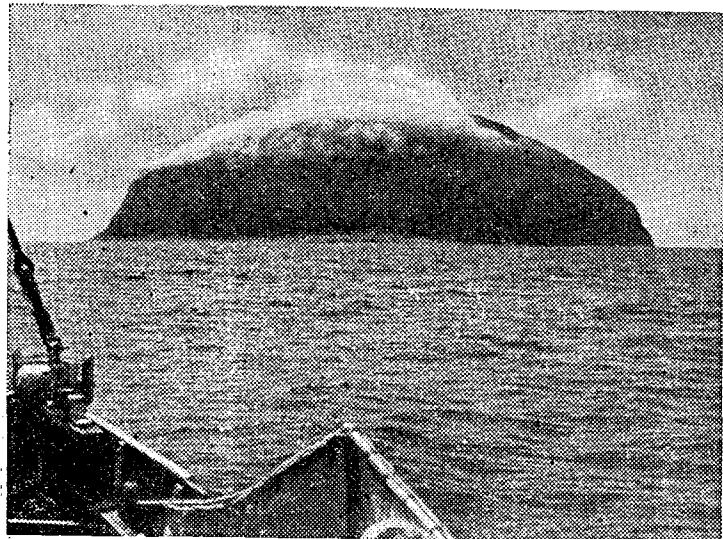
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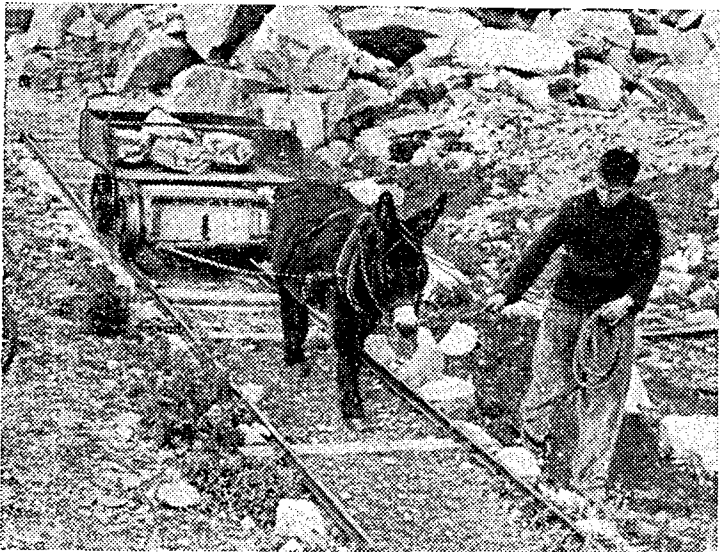
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LIFE ON A ROCK IN THE FIRTH OF CLYDE

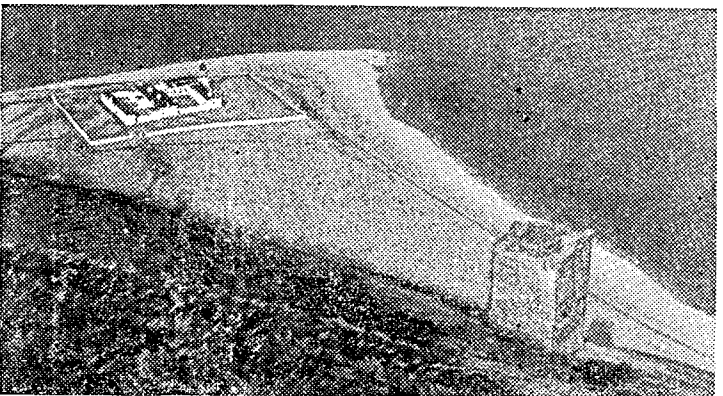
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The lonely islet in the Firth of Clyde, with its summit wreathed in clouds



Young Jimmie Girvan and his donkey cart hauling stones from the quarry



The lighthouse at the bottom of 400-foot cliffs. The tower on the right is all that remains of the medieval castle



Landing supplies on the islet from the Lady Ailsa

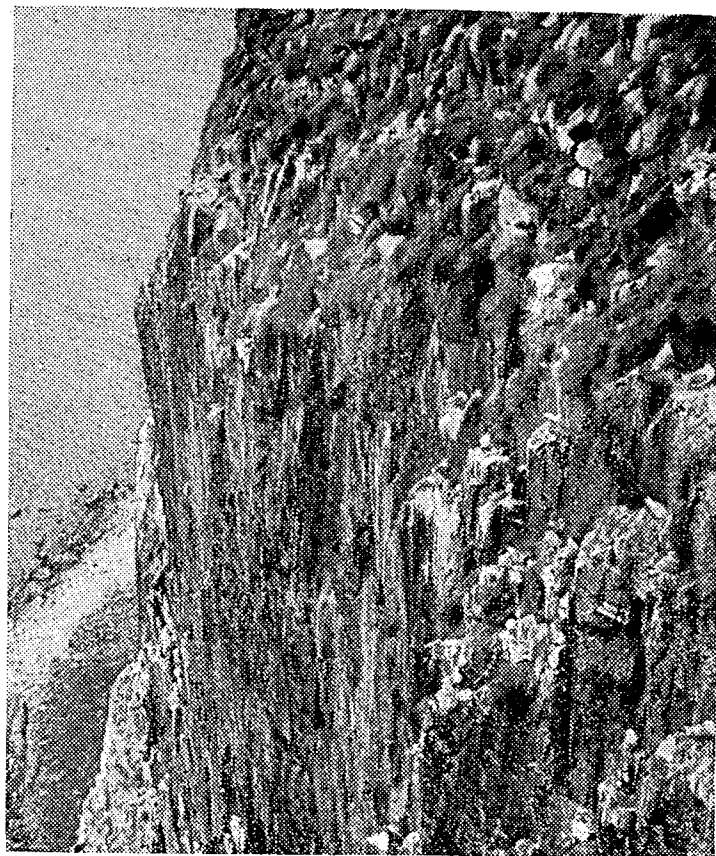
THE solitary islet of Ailsa Craig, at the entrance to the Firth of Clyde, is seen by thousands of sailors, but it is little known to most of us.

It is 1100 feet high, a "craggy ocean pyramid" Keats called it. Another name is "Paddy's Milestone," because it is about halfway between Glasgow and Belfast.

Here with his mother and father lives 15-year-old Jimmie Girvan. He helps his father in a unique industry, Mr. Girvan being the only curling-stone dresser in the world. With the help of Jimmie and William McGee, he produces the stones for Scotland's popular ice game, making them from a rock, Ailsite, peculiar to the island.

They share Ailsa Craig with the lighthouse keepers, the islet's lighthouse being an important one. Dense mists are prevalent, and operating the foghorn is a vital duty for the keepers. They also share the islet with millions of sea birds—until recent years Mr. Girvan used to pay 20 dozen gannets' eggs as part of his rent!

During the summer, holiday-makers occasionally make trips to the islet, but in the winter the Lady Ailsa calls only once a week—if the weather allows!



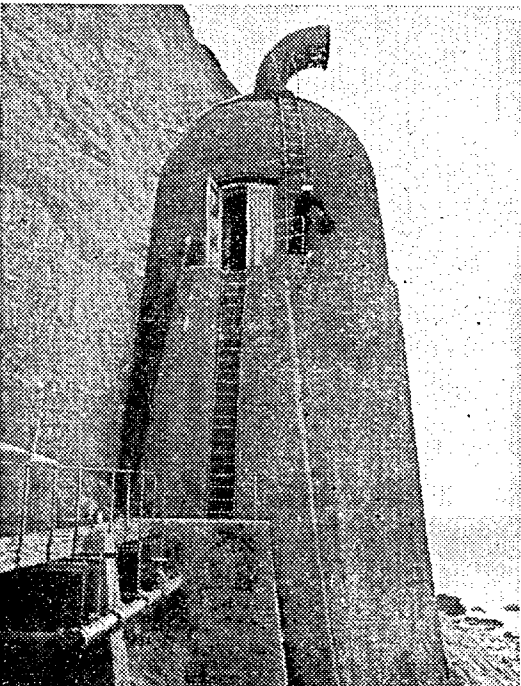
Sea birds nesting on the face of the cliffs



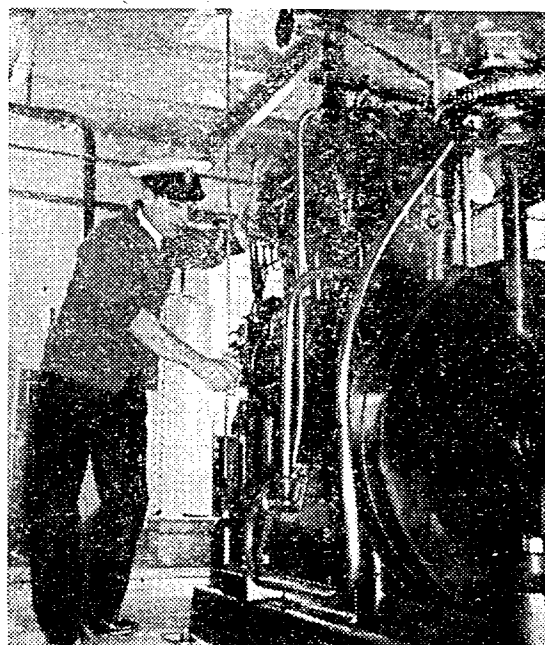
Like most housewives, Mrs. Girvan is kept busy in the kitchen, preparing meals for her family



Mr. Girvan preparing to blast rock in the quarry



Ailsa Craig's powerful foghorn



At work in the power-room of the lighthouse

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LEARNING TO CYCLE

MOST people agree that cycling is an excellent thing for young people—provided they are proficient. If they are not, they are in greater danger than if they were on active service in Kenya or Malaya.

But where can a learner cyclist get the necessary training? Dr. W. P. Alexander, Secretary of the Association of Education Committees, recently had some pertinent words to say on this pressing problem, and during the course of his speech he made three proposals:

Local authorities should ensure that there is a training space in their area, a place where a boy or girl can learn mastery of the bicycle.

Schools should make the passing of a cycling test a requirement for children who want to ride to school.

All voluntary organisations, such as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides, should make it a point of pride that every member who rides a cycle must have passed a test.

There may be some objection to the note of compulsion in these proposals, but there can be little doubt that their adoption would save the lives of many young cyclists.

Let us hope that they will at least have the most earnest consideration of all authorities concerned.

Under the Editor's Table

The British people think everything will work out in future. Fresh air enthusiasts.

I just love housework, says a lady correspondent. Only just?

More bunkum is talked about food than anything else in the world, we are told. And people swallow it.

Don't bottle up your natural emotions, says a doctor. Only preserve silence.

BILLY BEETLE



The Editor's Table

WELL SPENT

By the end of this year the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) will have spent the last penny of its budget of £7,140,000.

During the year, part of that money will have been spent on dried skim milk to save some 1,500,000 children from near-starvation. About 20 million young people will have been tested for tuberculosis, and seven million of these will have been vaccinated against this disease.

DDT will have protected some 12 million children from malaria, another eight million will have been treated for yaws, a terrible tropical disease.

If there is a better way of spending £7,140,000, the C N has yet to hear of it.

On All Souls' Day

In bygone days mummers, or "soul-cakers" as they were sometimes called, were a familiar sight in many English villages on All Souls' Day, November 2.

Sometimes the mummers, attired in quaint dress, carried around a hobby-horse, and recited rhymes, such as:

*We are jolly good hearty lads
and we be all of one mind,
And this night we come a-souling
good nature to find.*

At one time children also used to make a round of the villages on All Souls' Day singing some traditional song and finding ample reward in gifts of buns, known as soul-cakes.

FAITH IS THE POWER

Doubters do not achieve; sceptics do not contribute, cynics do not create. Faith is the great motive power, and no man realises his full possibilities unless he has the deep conviction that life is eternally important, and that his work, well done, is a part of an unending plan.

Calvin Coolidge

Something like a holiday

AN American radio firm now allows its workpeople a year's holiday with pay after ten years' service. This is in addition to a regular two weeks' annual paid holiday.

Those who feel unable to face a year's idleness at the firm's expense can carry on working at double pay.

One shudders to think what Monday morning is like for those returning from such a holiday.

Village signs—II



This sign at Balcombe shows the sun rising over the Sussex Downs.

In praise of being different

PEOPLE who insist on being different are often exasperating. But we can do with at least a few of them, according to the President of Toronto University, Dr. Sidney Smith.

He told new students recently that "the most valuable member of society is the man or woman who has the capacity for dissent, who sets up a resistance to mass movements and mass ideas. Every day we are adjured through pictures, print, and propaganda to pursue the same goals, admire the same thoughts."

The boy or girl who refuses to conform may be a prig, or just trying to attract attention. But it behoves us to be tolerant; he or she may possibly be one of those rugged individualists on whom the development of civilised society depends.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, November 3, 1923

ALL British ships are required to carry wireless, and in 1914 an international system of wireless control for saving life at sea was agreed on.

Unfortunately, some nations have even now failed to comply with the regulations made by the international committee nine years ago, so a great deal of the value of wireless as a life-saver has been wasted.

An automatic device and alarm signal is now being perfected which the committee declares is urgently needed.

It is very important that this should be adopted by all the nations, but meanwhile international wireless is held back by the obstinacy or ignorance or selfishness of a few.

BEFORE AND AFTER

A STORY about a royal sense of humour was told recently by Colonel E. W. Northfield of Leeds, who was attached to the Arab Legion for 17 years and for ten years was aide-de-camp to the late King Abdullah of Jordan.

There were two full-length mirrors in the palace, one concave and the other convex. When the king entertained sheiks from the desert, he used to meet them at the palace entrance and escort them past the mirror which showed them as tall and very lean.

After the feast he would bid farewell to them while standing beside the convex mirror, which showed them very fat!

Think on These Things

IN a passage in chapter 11 of the Second Book of Corinthians are listed some of the difficulties encountered by St. Paul during his mission-journeys.

Raiders attacked him, robbers plundered his belongings, enemies undermined his work. He endured shipwreck; sleepless nights in the open; hungry days when there was no money for food; imprisonment in cells which were cold and damp and infested; lashings with whips.

This formidable list of perils and hardships was mentioned by St. Paul not in boastfulness, but to show that difficulties have to be overcome and handicaps surmounted.

The great Apostle accepted it all because he loved Jesus Christ and would allow nothing to stand in the way of his own special service to Him. F. P.

PROGRESS

New times demand new measures, and new men; The world advances, and at times outgrows The laws that in our father's day were best; And doubtless, after us, some purer scheme Will be shaped out by wiser men than we.

James Russell Lowell

THEY SAY . . .

BOYS' marching on the whole is pretty indifferent. They are more self-conscious than girls, and they seem to slink by. Lieutenant-General Sir Otto Lund

CHILDREN should be able to light bonfires, roast potatoes, and even dig in their public playgrounds. They must be made for the delight of children—not for the self-satisfaction of adults. Lady Allen of Hurtwood

RELIGIOUS instruction, whether in State school or Sunday school, is now acknowledged to be a vital aspect of education. The Minister of Education

OVER 1200 Roman pots of gold, silver, and copper coins have been found in Britain. Official of the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow

I LIKE short words and vulgar fractions. Sir Winston Churchill

IT is exciting to be a Minister of Health; to watch the graphs on infant and maternal mortality, and on tuberculosis, moving—in some cases plunging—downwards. The Minister of Health

Out and about

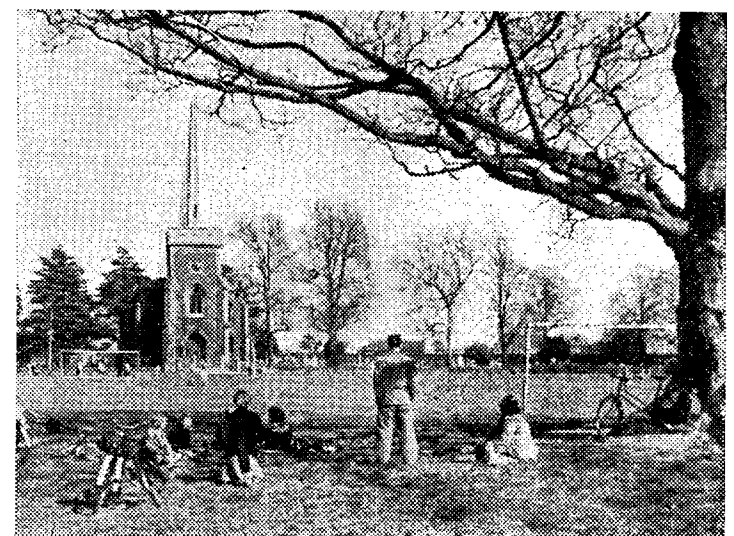
WITH the wind and rain bringing down more and more leaves, the strong framework of the trees can more easily be seen; and on the ground in the beechwood the rich brown leaves fairly glow with colour, seeming to warm the misty air.

In fields and gardens the magical blue of smoke from bonfires shows up in the waning evening light. At the edge of the wood there is a loud quarrelling among some young cock blackbirds who are bagging their winter residences in the undergrowth.

A thrush is singing his last song of the day, and then, as if in rivalry, a cheerful robin who has been singing on and off all day begins again, and will go on until it is dark. C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Sir Wilfred Grenfell said: Love works for a future, however remote.



OUR HOMELAND

Round the village green of Frenchay, Gloucestershire

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

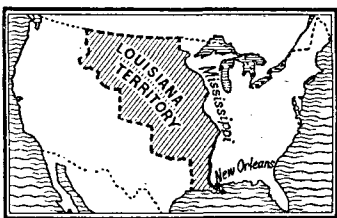
The biggest bargain in history

At the end of this week President Eisenhower is going to New Orleans for the 150th anniversary celebrations of one of the greatest events in his great country's history—the purchase from France in 1803 of the Louisiana Territory. By this acquisition the United States virtually doubled its size, buying a region of about a million square miles (five times the size of France) for the comparatively trifling sum of 27,267,622 dollars—or about four cents an acre!

By a stroke of his quill pen, Napoleon Bonaparte signed away what might have become a mighty French empire in America. The vast territories he sold are now what is called the Middle West, probably the richest agricultural area in the world, spreading far north and west of the present State of Louisiana.

Of course, in 1803 this rich heart of America was little known; in fact, no one knew what were the boundaries of the so-called Louisiana Territory.

Some said the north-west limit was the Rocky Mountains, others



claimed that France owned the land all the way to the Pacific Ocean. But no one seemed to bother how much there might be in this territorial "bargain."

It comprised what are now 16 States, whose Governors are taking part in the celebrations at New Orleans. It stretched from the Canadian border down to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Rockies in the east to the Mississippi in the west. It contained rich oilfields awaiting the driller's rig, gold, silver, a bounteous soil, and other natural wealth then beyond the wildest dreams of avarice.

The story of the Louisiana Territory goes back to 1682, when de la Salle came down the Mississippi from the north and named its valley Louisiana, in honour of Louis XIV.

In 1699 the first French colony was established, near the mouth of the Mississippi. Hampered by fever and quarrels with the local

Indians, it grew slowly, and in 1712 the King of France gave to a rich merchant, Anthony Crozat, a charter entitling him to develop the new territory as a private venture.

At this time France claimed that its tiny colony included the immense areas between the Alleghany Mountains in the east and the Rockies in the west, extending northwards to the Great Lakes.

Crozat lost money in his ventures in this vast wilderness, and he was glad to give up his monopoly in 1717. It was given to a Scottish financial adventurer, John Law, who was also unsuccessful. But he sent out more settlers, and New Orleans was founded in 1718.

CEDED TO SPAIN

The French settlers received a rude shock in 1764 when they learned that France, in a secret treaty with Spain at the end of the Seven Years War, had ceded their land to Spain. They rebelled and tried to set up a republic, but the insurrection was crushed by their new masters.

After the American War of Independence disputes arose between the new independent United States and Spanish Louisiana about navigation on the Mississippi. Settlers in Kentucky and Tennessee resented the heavy duties they had to pay to the Spaniards on goods sent down the great river to the sea.

The U.S. Government saw that the future development of their country might be menaced by a foreign power holding the mouth of what must become a great commercial highway, the Mississippi.

About 1800 the problem became acute. Napoleon Bonaparte, by political intrigue in Spain, obtained a treaty under which Louisiana was handed back to France. He thought of sending 25,000 soldiers to this old French colony, but his

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Greetings to the All Blacks

THE ALL BLACKS, New Zealand's Rugby Football representatives, open their tour of the British Isles on Saturday with a match at Brighton against the Southern Counties.

They are only the fourth All Blacks to visit us since 1905, though an "unofficial" team came here in 1888, and there were tours by N.Z. Servicemen who were in Europe after both the World Wars.

The name "All Blacks" was bestowed by the English newspapers on the New Zealand team of 1905 because of their black playing uniform, relieved only by a silver fernleaf on the jersey and white rings round the stockings.

The original All Blacks beat every team they met except Wales. The "Invincibles," as the team of 1924 were termed, did not lose a match. Just as popular were the



R. C. Stuart, captain



L. S. Haig, vice-captain

team of 1935, who lost three matches but gained many friends.

To wear the All Black jersey is the supreme ambition of every boy in the most Rugby-minded land in the world. It is the national game of New Zealand, with the result that the present team, like their predecessors, will doubtless be hard to beat.

They are certainly a very hefty side—the combined weight of the thirty men is about 2½ tons—but in spite of their bulk they are reputed to be very fast, with a good balance of youth and experience.

The forwards average more than 14½ stones and the backs 12 stones. Their average age is just over 24.

THE SKIPPER

The captain is R. C. Stuart, who is no stranger to the British Isles. During the war he was a navigating officer in Royal Navy corvettes taking part in the Battle of the Atlantic. Later he served on the coast of Burma, his last ship being an aircraft carrier.

Stuart, a six-foot forward who is 33 this Wednesday, considered himself too old to play Rugger this year, but was persuaded to turn out for another season. He is a married man with two children, and holds a degree in commerce.

The vice-captain is Laurie Haig, a 31-year-old coalminer, who has represented the province of Otago since 1944. He has played for New Zealand against the British Isles and Australia. He was born at Tranent in Scotland, and was taken to New Zealand as an infant.

Another "veteran" of 31 is R. H. W. Scott, a member of the 1945-6 New Zealand Army team in Britain known as the Kiwis. He was the All Black full-back in

South Africa in 1949 and against Australia. Bob Scott has been called New Zealand's greatest full-back since George Nepia, the famous Maori of the 1924 All Blacks.

The other full-back is J. W. Kelly, a 26-year-old schoolmaster who is Scott's understudy in the Auckland club.

The "baby" of the team is 20-year-old R. C. Hemi, a six-foot, 13-stone hooker, and the other under-21 is R. G. Bowers, a Wellington stand-off half.

One of the centre-threequarters is J. M. Tanner, a dentist whose patients must try to avoid having toothache for the next few months; another is J. T. Fitzgerald, a physical education specialist who should be useful in helping to keep the team fit.

SEVEN FARMERS

The tallest man in the team is K. P. Bagley, 6 feet 3½ inches and weighing over 15 stone. He is a 22-year-old contractor who builds fences in the rich farming district called Poverty Bay.

There are seven farmers among the thirty All Blacks—a fair representation, for one New Zealand worker in every five is engaged in farm work.

Among the other callings of the players are land agent, chemist, salesman, grocer, garage hand, decorator, and carpenter. W. H. Clark is a clerk.

New Zealanders have their own terms for their mid-field players, though the actual positioning of them is much the same as ours in practice.

TWO FIVE-EIGHTHS

Instead of one stand-off half and four threequarters, as in Britain, they play three three-quarters who are linked to the scrum-half by a "first five-eighths" and a "second five-eighths."

All lovers of the game will now be keenly waiting to see the "haka," the spectacular Maori song-and-dance which the All Blacks perform before each game. We may be confident that by the time we bid them farewell in February they will have added new lustre to the traditions that shine from the silver fernleaf on the black jersey.

Jaunty jaguar



Elizabeth, the jaguar cub of the Bristol Zoo, looks quite jaunty as she goes for a ride on Jennifer Fishlock's cycle.

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British enemies got wind of his intention and their fleet was watchful.

Hard-pressed by his wars, Napoleon gave up the idea and accepted the money offer made by the American ambassador in Paris for these wild regions where only Indians and buffaloes then roamed. The American Senate ratified the treaty in October 1803.

And so our American friends are this month celebrating an event which laid the foundations of their prosperity, enabling them to grow into the most powerful and the richest nation in the world.

Empire Mosaic—45

by Ridgway



TEMPLE DANCERS

Elaborately dressed, the ceremonial Temple dancers of Ceylon follow 2000-year-old traditions of dance gesture.



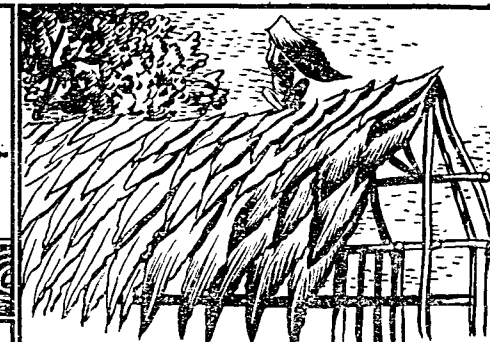
MAORI CARVER

Many of the New Zealand Maoris are still adept at the ancient craft of woodcarving. The intricate designs which adorn their villages often tell the legends of their tribe.



WALKING FISH

The queer mud skipper, or walking fish, is common in the muddy shallows of Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Its gills have been evolved for breathing air.



HOUSEBUILDING IN MALAYA

The jungle-dweller in Malaya builds his house on wooden pillars above the reach of snakes. The roof-thatch of palm leaves keeps it perfectly dry.

NEW SEARCH FOR TREASURE

Although it has often been declared that there is definite evidence that a vast treasure is buried somewhere in the Cocos Islands, in the Indian Ocean, none of the 16 expeditions which has tried to find it in the past has been successful.

This year, it is reported, an American expedition sailing from Los Angeles will make yet another attempt to discover the fabulous treasure whose value is estimated at between £10,000,000 and £20,000,000.

The story of the Cocos treasure is worthy of the pen of Robert Louis Stevenson.

Many years ago, the crew of the Mary Read, a British ship commissioned by the Spanish Government to carry gold and church treasure, mutinied when they had been a few days at sea, and buried the treasure in the Cocos Islands.

Not long afterwards, however, the Mary Read was captured by a Spanish man-o-war and her crew were hanged. Only the captain escaped, according to the story, and he found his way back to England to tell his tale there.

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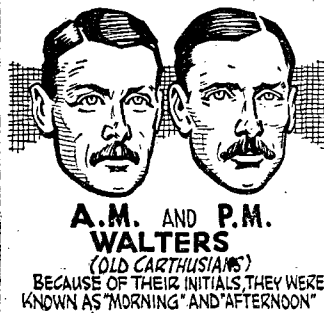
At the Radio Show was a television transmitter built by six amateur members of the Television Society.

This transmitter and equipment have now been installed at Norwood Technical College, London, and it is expected to go on the air in a few weeks' time to become Britain's first independent TV transmitter. The call sign is G3CTS/T and transmissions will be received by the 400 members of the Television Society on sets converted to the appropriate wavelength.

At first only still pictures will be shown, but it is hoped that technical lectures will be given later if a licence is granted by the G.P.O.

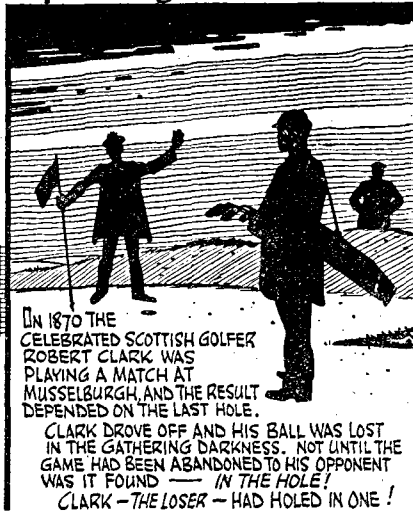
BROTHERS

WHO HAD THE UNUSUAL DISTINCTION OF BEING FULL-BACK PARTNERS IN SOCCER INTERNATIONALS FOR ENGLAND ON NINE OCCASIONS BETWEEN 1885 AND 1890 WERE...



A.M. AND P.M. WALTERS (OLD CARTHUSIANS) BECAUSE OF THEIR INITIALS, THEY WERE KNOWN AS "MORNING" AND "AFTERNOON"

Sporting Flashbacks



IN 1870 THE CELEBRATED SCOTTISH GOLFER ROBERT CLARK WAS PLAYING A MATCH AT MUSSELBURGH, AND THE RESULT DEPENDED ON THE LAST HOLE. CLARK DROVE OFF AND HIS BALL WAS LOST IN THE GATHERING DARKNESS. NOT UNTIL THE GAME HAD BEEN ABANDONED TO HIS OPPONENT WAS IT FOUND IN THE HOLE! CLARK - THE LOSER - HAD HOLED IN ONE!

GIANT ALL-ROUND CRICKETER S.M.J. WOODS

PLAYED FOR — AND AGAINST — ENGLAND ...

FOR AUSTRALIA V. ENGLAND, 1888
FOR ENGLAND V. S. AFRICA, 1895-6

HE ALSO PLAYED IN 13 RUGBY INTERNATIONALS FOR ENGLAND (1890-95)



POLICEMAN'S PATROL IN RHODESIAN WILDS

A policeman's lot is not an easy one—in Central Africa.

Brian Powell, assistant inspector in the Northern Rhodesia Police, can testify to that after his official annual tour of wild Luangwa Valley, a vast jungle region where only Bisa tribesmen dwell.

Accompanied by Paul Bourne, a Colonial Service cadet, and 40 native carriers, he struck east from Mpika, lonely Great North Road outpost. Two days of scrambling up and down hills and rugged escarpments revealed a tropical plateau, and there the porters made camp before the afternoon's full blaze developed.

Next day the party closed ranks as they trekked through high grass of elephant territory, where herds had trampled down great areas and stripped trees.

Villagers hereabouts are so used to marauding elephants that they have extra big plantations—the surplus being for Jumbo!

Unusual Luangwa trees included one bearing a hefty sausage-like fruit likely to knock a man senseless as it falls. Brian dubbed it the "kitbag tree."

After the fourth night—dis-

turbed by hippo grunts—came real excitement. With Kasembe, an elephant control guard, in addition to some carriers, Brian Powell took a short cut through parched bush to their next rendezvous. Rounding a tree-clump, Kasembe stopped dead. His fierce whispered "Mboo!" (buffalo) reached the policeman, who crept forward.

There was the animal, a magnificent bull, blowing hard in a patch of shade. Brian lifted his .303—a puny weapon against one of the world's most dangerous beasts.

SEA MONSTER ASHORE

An excited crowd gathered on the beach at Port Talbot, Glamorgan, when the news spread that a "sea monster" had been washed up by the tide.

Few were at first willing to venture near the creature, which was 25-feet long, and seemed to have thousands of wriggling heads. A dog retreated from the scene howling.

But at last one man took up a long stick and poked the mysterious object gingerly. It was a long baulk of timber completely covered with barnacles!

But he never fired, for a startling screech rent the air. It came from a cockerel strapped to a porter's head-baggage! The bellowing buffalo reared, charged, and then crashed away into the bush.

The party had little relaxation. There was meat for the carriers to be secured—mostly waterbuck and the fleet impala; and Paul Bourne had to make reports and question tribesmen.

In their tent that night the two white men were roused by heavy shufflings. They lay tense, grasping rifles. Daylight revealed buffalo tracks a few feet away; nearby plantations were ravaged.

Without a long-distance lens, Paul's plans to secure elephant photos involved four hours' patient tracking. This proved fruitless, but a detour to a river revealed a sturdy specimen leisurely feeding. The two white men and Kasembe crawled slowly forward, but at 15 yards the camera glinted in the sun and their quarry was off!

When, at the end of a week, Brian Powell and Paul Bourne returned to headquarters they certainly had exciting reports.

FISH IN THE WAR ON DISEASE

In the Belgian Congo a scientist is using fish in the fight against bilharzia and malaria.

Bilharzia is a painful disease contracted by people entering water that is infected by the bilharzia parasite, which breeds in the bodies of water snails. The scientist, Dr. De Bont, has found that a fish called *serranochromis macrocephala* feeds on water snails, and can clear a pool of them.

He has also discovered that another fish is the enemy of the mosquitoes which carry the malaria germs. This fish, *tilapia melanopleura*, does its good work in the roundabout way of eating the water weeds which cause the surface of a pool to remain calm.

The larvae of mosquitoes grow in still waters, and weeds generally produce this condition by sheltering the face of a pool from the wind. But when there are no weeds, the water is rippled by the breeze and the larvae cannot develop.

TIGHT-ROPE FEATS

One of the world's most famous trapeze artists, tight-rope and wire-walker, died recently in Colorado. He had the unusual name of Ivy Baldwin, and even more unusual achievements to his credit.

During the early years of his career he often went up in balloons, and then descended by parachute. He also dived into nets from great heights, and pranced across high tight-rope wires as sure-footedly as a mountain goat.

His most famous feat was to cross the South Boulder Canyon in Colorado on a cable 635 feet long and 582 feet high. That was in 1907.

Forty-one years later, to celebrate his 82nd birthday, Ivy Baldwin crossed the same canyon on a wire. But, in deference to creaking muscles, the cable was much lower than in 1907.

THE REAL ROBINSON CRUSOE—the strange life-story of Alexander Selkirk (final instalment)

In this instalment we bid farewell to the celebrated 18th-century castaway whose real adventures were hardly

less enthralling than those of his fictional counterpart. We are indebted for knowledge of them to the research

carried out by Mr. R. L. Mégroz, on whose book, *Real Robinson Crusoe*, this picture-version has been based.



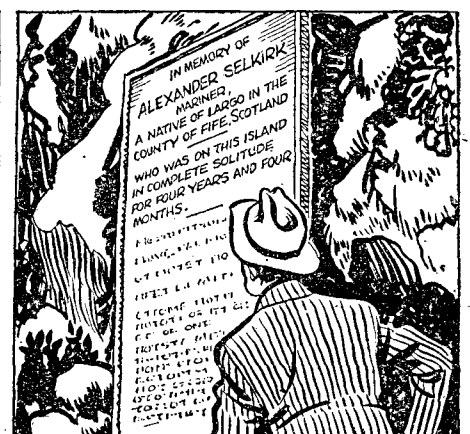
Alexander and Sophia fell in love, and decided to run away and get married in London. The reason for their elopement may have been that Alexander, oppressed by the strange, unsociable mood produced in him by his lonely sojourn on the island, could not face the banter and gaiety of a village wedding. When they left the village of Largo is not known, but they were in London in January 1717.



Alexander could not settle down. He may even have longed to be back on his island! He told his acquaintance Sir Richard Steele, the famous writer: "I am now worth £800, but shall never be so happy as when I was not worth a farthing." He was becoming celebrated, for Steele had written an essay about his life on the island. But the sea called sailor Selkirk, and in 1717 he joined H.M.S. *Enterprise*.



He returned to Sophia after a cruise of eight months, but in 1720 he joined another ship, H.M.S. *Weymouth*, as mate, and she said goodbye to him for the last time. The *Weymouth* was bound for the West African coast to hunt pirates. Selkirk's fame as "Robinson Crusoe" was now spreading, for in 1719 Defoe published his great imaginative story based on the Scottish mariner's life on Juan Fernandez Island.



Alexander Selkirk died, probably of fever, in H.M.S. *Weymouth* on December 13, 1721. In 1868 a tablet was erected by some British naval officers on Juan Fernandez Island at a point called, "Selkirk's Look-out." The island today belongs to Chile, and has a population of about 450. There is a statue of the castaway at Largo. But he will live for ever in the hearts of boys and girls everywhere as Robinson Crusoe.

A picture-story of Mungo Park, the famous explorer of West Africa, begins on this page next week

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Continuing

DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

Jack and Robin Hilton are with their parents in Switzerland. When ski-ing with Junge, the daughter of a ski instructor, they see a man steal an attaché case from their hotel, and they track him to the power station on Danger Mountain. Then, as the man, Otto Bauer, skis away Junge says she will go to her father, Rudi, for help. Jack tries to stop Otto, but he makes for the forest.

9. Trouble with money

THE man had almost reached the trees when Jack heard shouts from behind. He saw the three ski-ers coming down the slope at a tremendous speed, and could recognise Rudi in the lead. But in a few more seconds Otto would be in the forest.

Suddenly Rudi drew back his arm—and a rope snaked out.

It reached the trees at the same moment as Otto, who let out a yell of fear and anger as a wide loop dropped over his head and jerked him back. Then his skis carried his legs from under him, and he was lying on the snow as securely lassoed as a steer at a round-up.

"Are you all right?" Rudi asked Jack, while the other two men went towards Otto.

"Yes, thanks." Jack rubbed his cheek where Otto had hit it with his ski. "Where's Junge?"

"We shall meet her at the bottom of the chair-lift," said Rudi. "I sent her down—this was not a job for a girl."

Otto taken away

Robin joined them, and he and Jack watched the other two men tie a rope round Otto's waist and ski off with their prisoner between them. Then Rudi led the boys to the lower chair-lift station.

"You had the fun," said Junge enviously, when they arrived.

Jack rubbed his cheek again.

"I suppose we did," he said. "But I've had enough for one day."

Rudi telephoned for a sledge, and while they were waiting Junge told her father how they had tracked Otto to the power station and followed him round the mountain.

"I am sorry for Emil," said Rudi. "He works hard at the power station, and his brother has made him much trouble."

"What about the attaché case?" asked Jack suddenly. "Otto hadn't got it when he left the power station. He probably hid it there."

Rudi looked worried.

"I do not think Emil would have agreed," he said. "But I shall go to see him—tomorrow afternoon, after my ski school."

"By the way," said Jack, "I'd be grateful if you'd keep us out of this business. About catching Otto, I mean."

"But you must have the credit—"

"Dad won't give us much credit. The less he knows about it, the better," said Jack.

They heard the sleigh bells then, and a few minutes later they were being driven down the path from the chair-lift. It was still not dark, and on the road to the hotel they passed people returning to the village from the nursery slopes.

The boys had tea as soon as they got back, and then kept out of their parents' way. Just before dinner-time Junge came over with the latest news.

"The policeman has Otto now," she said. "Tomorrow he will put him in prison."



A wide loop dropped over his head and jerked him back

"Tomorrow?" exclaimed Robin. "Why not tonight?"

"We have no prison in Edelberg," she explained. "The nearest is at Frutigen."

"Then where is he now?"

"In a room in the schoolhouse."

"Will he be safe there, Junge?" asked Jack.

"Oh, yes. The window has iron bars," she said calmly. Robin thought that perhaps English schools had something in their favour.

"What about a guard?"

"The policeman will sit outside all night."

Jack accepted the Edelberg security measures, and Junge related the rest of the news. She said that Otto had been identified by the hotel chef as well as by

Rudi, but nothing had been said about his brother, Emil.

"Did Otto confess?" Robin asked.

"He denied everything. At first he denied he was Otto—he had another identity card—and then he said he never went near the hotel."

"Has the attaché case been found?"

She shook her head.

"Rudi thinks he probably hid it near the power station. He will look for it tomorrow when he goes to see Emil."

"Was anything said about us?"

"No. You will not be brought into it."

"Well, I suppose that's the end of the excitement," said Jack. "You'd better give us some more ski-ing lessons tomorrow, Junge."

"I thought perhaps we should go up in the chair-lift. The ski school goes up there also—but tomorrow Anton has a day off, and there will not be a school there in the morning. Rudi and the others take their classes up in the afternoon. Perhaps we could spend the whole day there."

Evasion

Junge left the hotel, and the boys went in to dinner. The news of the arrest was now generally known, but Mr. and Mrs. Hilton had no idea of their sons' part in it. Jack and Robin said as little as possible, and were very vague when their mother asked where they had been all the afternoon.

"How did you get that bruise on your cheek, Jack?" Mr. Hilton asked casually.

"Oh, a ski hit it when I fell," answered Jack, truthfully enough.

"Odd thing to happen," said Mr. Hilton. He had hit most parts of his body with his skis without suffering any facial injury yet.

Jack quickly changed the subject.

"We're going up in the chair-lift tomorrow morning," he said. He explained their plans to his mother, who promised to arrange for early breakfasts and packed lunches.

"We'll see you up there in the afternoon, when we go with Rudi," said Mr. Hilton, without enthusiasm.

"Mm," said Robin, with even less enthusiasm.

They had finished their dinner and were about to get up when Jack remembered something.

"Dad, we owe Dr. Marcus 40 francs."

"Eh?" said Mr. Hilton in alarm.

"You forgot to give us any money when we went to hire our skis. Dr. Marcus lent it to us in the shop. After all that business yesterday afternoon it went clean out of my head."

"Pity it came back, then." With his special bankrupt expression Mr. Hilton took out his wallet and gave Jack two 20-franc notes.

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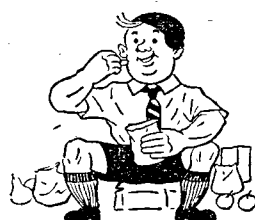
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THE new Best All-rounder in women's cycling is Joyce Harris, of the Apollo Club. The contest covers the best times for 25 miles, 50 miles, and 100 miles, and Joyce Harris' average speed for the three distances was 22.436 m.p.h.

ONE day not long ago Mrs. Joyce Brooker set up a new cycling record for the 115-mile course from London to Worthing and back, in 6 hours 4 minutes 4 seconds. She held the record for only a few hours, however, for on the same day, Christine Brooker (no relation) covered the same distance in 5 hours 58 minutes 34 seconds.

DAVID GLASENBURY, of Plumstead, in S.E. London, is only 17, but he has achieved a remarkable record. Last year he won all the Kent junior swimming championships. This year he has gained all the senior titles for which he competed—100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, and long distance.

THE Duke of Edinburgh will open the new running track at the Maccabi Stadium, Hendon, on Thursday, October 29.

THE Plaistow United water polo players have just concluded a most successful season. After beating Motherwell in the final of the National water polo club championship, they were selected *en bloc* to represent Essex against Gloucestershire in the final of the English county championship, at Lancaster. They won this title, too, to record a wonderful double.

A member of the Plaistow side is John Temme, son of the former Channel swimmer who was himself in the team in 1938 when Plaistow last won the national double.

THREE prominent County cricketers will be playing for different Counties next summer. J. G. Lomax of Lancashire, and Jim McMahon, Surrey's left-arm spinner, who came to this country from South Australia, have joined Somerset, and Charlie Grove, the Warwickshire fast bowler, will play for Worcestershire—the county of his birth!

Two outstanding young Middlesex cricketers have been rejected for National Service on medical grounds—Don Bennett, a fine all-rounder, and Charles Robins, son of the great Walter Robins. But this will not prevent them continuing their promising cricket careers next summer, when Robins, former Eton and Oxford captain, will play for the County.

ONE of the England trio who meet France in a table tennis international at Peterborough on November 14 will be 14-year-old Ann Haydon, our girls' champion. Ann thus becomes the youngest player ever to be chosen for England. (Her father, Adrian Haydon, first played for England when he was 15.)

WITH the retirement of David Sheppard from the captaincy of the Sussex County Cricket Club, his former Cambridge colleague Hubert Doggart has been appointed his successor. A master at Winchester, where he was once a scholar, 28-year-old Doggart captained the Light Blues at cricket and Soccer, and gained recognition at squash, rackets, and fives.

ON a tandem tricycle two men pedalled the 201 miles from Liverpool to London in 8 hours 19 minutes. Their average speed for the journey was over 24 m.p.h.

SUPPORTERS of Louth United, a Lincolnshire Soccer team, hope to contribute £100 this year—the proceeds of growing potatoes on the ground. Recently four tons were lifted near the touchline.

DANGER MOUNTAIN

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"What a lot of signatures!" said Robin.

"Is this the President of Switzerland?" asked Jack, pointing to the portrait of a man on the note.

"I dare say," his father said. "Or it might be William Tell."

"What, the man with the apple?"

"I was only guessing," said Mr. Hilton hastily. He saw that his sons were in an inquisitive mood, and caught the manager's eye and beckoned him over. "My sons would like to know who this distinguished-looking man on your banknotes is," he said.

"Pestalozzi," the manager told them.

"Never heard of him," said Robin. "Have you, Dad?"

"Yes, of course," Mr. Hilton looked uncomfortable. "A very great man."

"A national hero," said the manager.

"What did he do?" Robin asked his father; but the manager came to Mr. Hilton's rescue.

"He was a great educational reformer," he told Robin.

"Oh," said Robin, losing interest. "Why is the date printed on your notes?"

"It is necessary," the manager told him with a tone of finality.

"We don't put it on ours."

Robin peered at the date line, which read:

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"Why do you put a full stop after the 16?" he asked.

"Because—"

"There isn't a full stop after the 16," said Jack.

"Yes, there is."

"No, there isn't. Not on this one, anyway."

The manager's smile suddenly vanished, and he bent quickly to look at the note Jack was holding.

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Altogether ten £1 notes are to be awarded to boys and girls who can find 25 objects beginning with the letter C in our picture below. There is Camera, for a start. Now see if you can find 24 others.

List your answers neatly in ink or pencil on a postcard or plain paper. Add your name, age, and full address, and ask an adult to sign your effort as your own written work.

Finally, cut out the C N competition token at the foot of the back page of this issue, and pin or paste it to your entry, which must be posted to:

C N Competition No. 39,
3 Pilgrim Street,
London, E.C.4 (Comp.),

to reach this office by Tuesday, November 10, the closing date.

The prizes will be awarded for the nearest correct entries, according to age.

This competition is open to all readers under 17 living in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands. The Editor's decision is final.

Puzzle: Find 25 objects beginning with C

**THE WAKEFIELDS OF WELLINGTON**

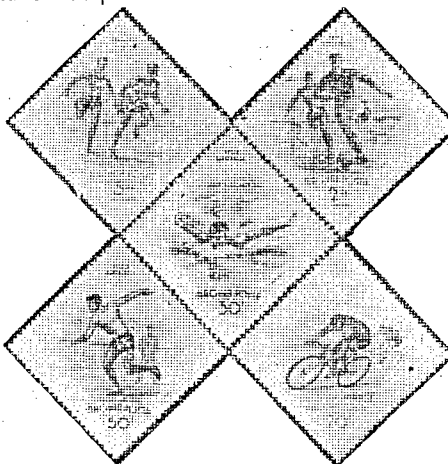
A "ship" that will never go to sea is H.M.N.Z.S. Wakefield, the new Navy Office on the second floor of a building in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand.

The name has been chosen in honour of the remarkable Wakefield brothers, who played leading parts in the early colonisation of New Zealand.

NEW AIRPORTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

For some time South Africa has been building three great airports at a cost of £12,000,000.

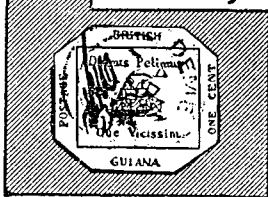
The Jan Smuts Airport, near Johannesburg, is finished and already in use. The other two are at Cape Town and Durban. The Cape Town airport is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

STAMP NEWS**BRITAIN'S** two largest stamp organisations, the Junior Philatelic and the Philatelic Trader's Societies, are again to stage a grand stamp exhibition. It will be held next January at the Central Hall, Westminster, where, at the last show, the doors had to be closed with a crowd of several hundred still awaiting admission!**BERMUDA**, Jamaica, Fiji, Kenya, Malta, Gibraltar, and Aden will each issue a single stamp to mark the Royal visit. New Zealand will issue a pair, and Australia a set of three.A **NATIONAL** stamp week is being held by Canadian collectors from November 8 to 14. Plans for the occasion include special philatelic meetings and radio features.

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STAMP STORIES No. 7

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THE BRAN TUB

SAMMY SIMPLE

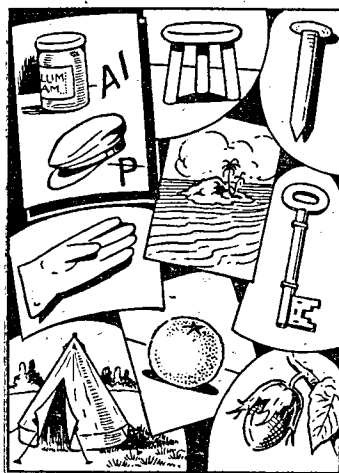
SAMMY thought the telephone operator was so obliging that he put an extra penny in the slot as a tip.

Multiple motto

A READER points out that the familiar motto *Do it now* still means the same thing when transposed in three different ways—*Now do it, It do now, Now it do.*

Capital puzzle

THE first picture represents a West Indian island and the initial letters of the other objects will, when correctly arranged, spell the name of its capital. Can you find what they are?



Answer next week

SINKING FEELING

"AT last my rocket's finished!" Cried old Professor Boon; "Now all I need is volunteers To travel to the Moon." "I'd love to go, indeed I would," Sighed timid Mr. Brown; "Right willingly I'd travel up— The drawback's coming down!"

3 D puzzle

Each of the blanks can be filled with a word which begins with the letter d. Can you complete each sentence?

THE opossum belongs to the family of marsupials.

It is famed for its skill in shamming — when caught. — it is given the opportunity, it — with great rapidity.

Possible answers: death, Directly, de-

From a greeting

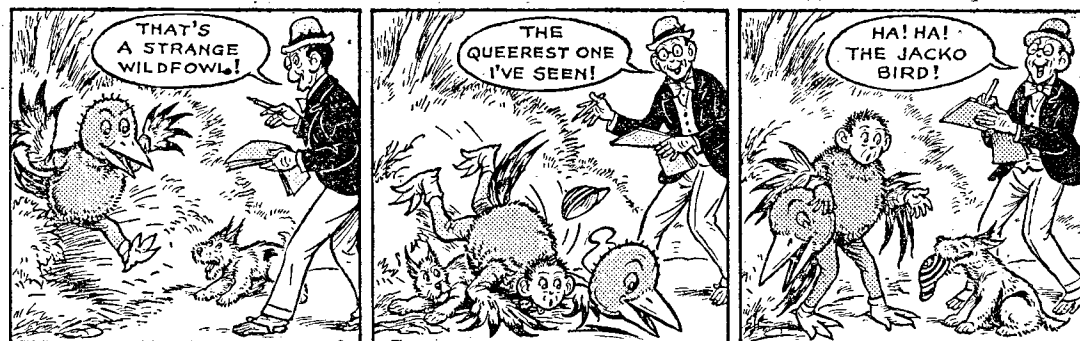
A YOUNG friend of ours received a birthday card with *Many Happy Returns* written on it. By using all the letters in this phrase she was able to make more than 200 new words. See how many you can make.

Table talk

A MAN was hurrying home when he met a friend. "Sorry I can't stop to talk," he said, "I'm having a business associate for dinner tonight."

"You're lucky," replied his friend; "we've only got fish and chips."

JACKO LOSES HIS HEAD IN A FORCED LANDING



Jacko meant to have a little joke by startling the bird-watcher.

But instead he startled Bouncer—and that had a most upsetting effect.

The joke was over for Jacko, but the bird-watcher seemed to enjoy it.

Tin money

TIN is used in coinage by 26 of the world's nations. Thailand is the only country using coins made entirely of tin—the five and ten satang pieces.

Bronze coinage usually contains only a small proportion of tin, equivalent to about three parts in 100 in our own "coppers."

Fill it in

By putting two letters in front and the same two letters in the same order behind each of these grouped letters, a common word can be made in each case.

-- PTU -- -- STO --
-- LU -- -- UCAT --
-- TAT -- -- FFE --

Answer next week

Theme song

A VERY young poet named Monnet Chose bees as the theme for a sonnet.

Twas a pity because
What with hum, drone, and buzz,
It left him with bees in his bonnet.

Can you guess me?

I AM a word of six letters. If my middle two letters are transposed I mean exactly the opposite.

United, united

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 Stone Age.
- 2 Frederik IX.
- 3 Man whose work is loading and unloading ships.
- 4 Sir Francis Drake.
- 5 Mammal.
- 6 Artless.
- 7 Mrs. Vijaya Pandit of India.
- 8 John Masefield.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

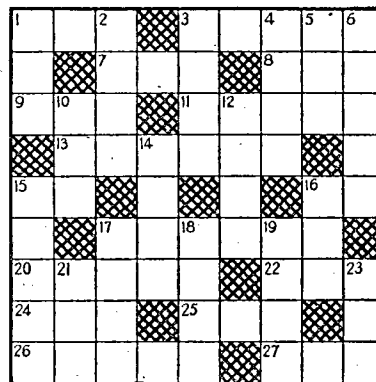
In reverse. Stop, pots, part, trap, wets, stew
Riddle-me-ree. Children

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS: 1 Young of lion. 3 Gratified. 7 Monkey. 8 Anger. 9 Hill. 11 Miniature. 13 Want. 15 Myself. 16 Old English. 17 Rector. 20 Portion. 22 Animal doctor. 24 Snake-like fish. 25 Beverage. 26 Odour. 27 Tear.

READING DOWN: 1 Feline. 2 Naked. 3 Half. 4 Sea's movement. 5 Before. 6 Search for. 10 Poem. 12 Circles. 14 Fly high. 15 Ponders. 16 Single. 17 Wan. 18 True. 19 Ended. 21 Edge. 23 Extremity.

Answer next week



BEDTIME CORNER

The calf who was curious

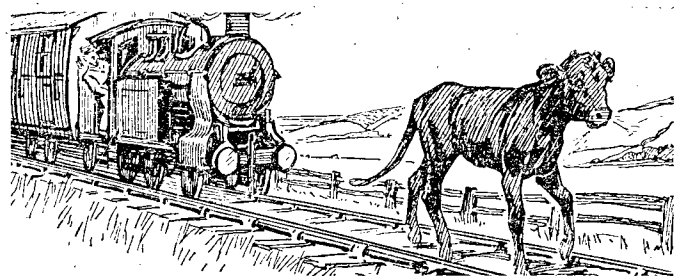
JETTY was a frisky black calf who lived with her mother in a field by the side of a single-track railway. Unfortunately she was very curious. She would go snuffling after any rabbits or dogs who came into her field, and also after the men and boys who crossed it daily to reach the level crossing.

Next she became very interested in the little train that came chuffing along the line each day. "Why does Chuffy

Waiting until her mother was not looking, Jetty slipped through the gate and trotted off along the track.

But she had not gone far when Chuffy came puffing along behind her. The sound of his wheels now seemed louder, and rather frightening, and Jetty began to run.

Several times the engine driver stopped the train and got out and tried to catch her. But Jetty ran too fast for him. On



always run quickly along the same track and never come into our field?" she asked her mother.

"Because he is in a hurry to reach his home station," her mother replied.

"It must be a lovely place then! I wonder what it is like?" Jetty said. And the more she wondered the more she wanted to know.

Then one day a boy forgot to shut the gate onto the track.

and on she went until at last, quite exhausted, she reached Chuffy's home station.

What a noisy, smelly place it was! Jetty hated it. And how thankful she was to be caught now, and to be taken home in a farmer's wagon.

Nowadays, though careless boys do still sometimes forget to shut that gate, Jetty never tries to go exploring along the track.

JANE THORNICROFT

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

HOVER FLIES. "Well, that job is finished," exclaimed Farmer Gray, regarding the fallen tree with satisfaction. "Now you children can clear the smaller branches."

"There are a lot of wasps about all of a sudden," complained Ann. "They aren't wasps," her brother declared, as he watched the insects which hovered apparently motionless and suddenly vanished to reappear elsewhere.

"Hover flies, Ann," commented Farmer Gray. "Despite their wasp-like appearance, they are harmless. On the leaves of the tree we have just felled are swarms of greenfly which are attracting the hover flies. They perform a great service by preying on the aphid hordes."

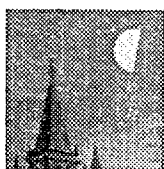
In the family

"WHAT lovely hair you have, Jean," said the visitor. "Did you get it from Mummy?" "No, I think I got it from Daddy. His has all gone."

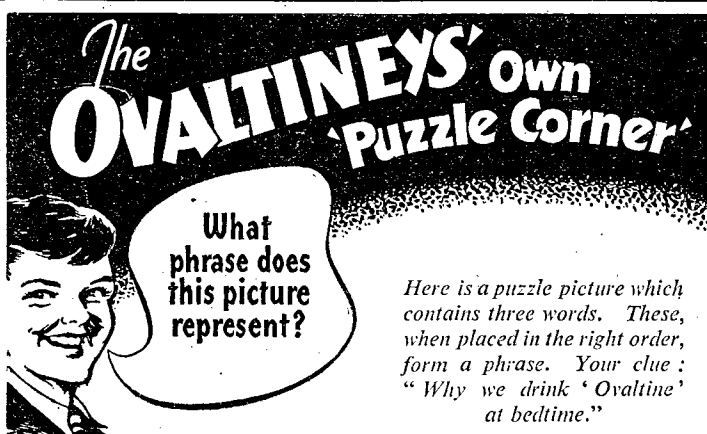
OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is low in the east. In the morning

Venus and Mars are in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it appears at seven o'clock



on Thursday morning, October 29.



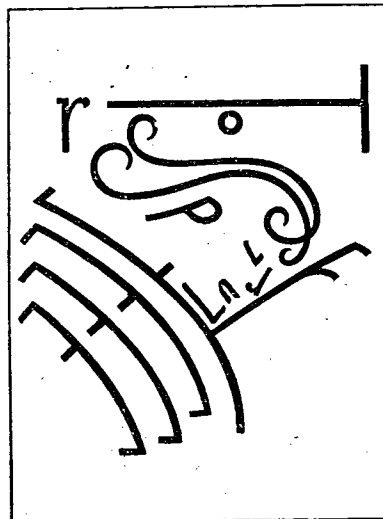
What phrase does this picture represent?

Here is a puzzle picture which contains three words. These, when placed in the right order, form a phrase. Your clue: "Why we drink 'Ovaltine' at bedtime."

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